



Purpose

Fishcare excursions and incursions are a valuable and powerful learning opportunity for students. For the safety and enjoyment of all participants the following guidelines have been prepared to clarify roles and duty of care of students during an excursion or incursion delivered by Fishcare. Upon booking of a Fishcare activity, it is the responsibility of school to be aware of and adhere to these guidelines.

Procedures

Managing Risk

- It is the responsibility of the school to undertake a risk assessment and develop a supervisory team that meets the specific requirements of a Fishcare activity.
- Most excursions involve fishing on or near water. Whilst students are not permitted to enter the water during these activities, a high level of supervision is required.
- Fishcare staff and volunteers will provide advice to the school in good faith on recommended locations for fishing workshop and forecasted weather conditions. Fishcare does not accept legal liability or responsibility for the content of the advice or information or any consequences arising from its use.

Supervision and Student Behaviour

- The school supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the activity to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.
- Fishcare staff and volunteers will lead, demonstrate, perform and present activities but will not undertake any role(s) in a supervisory context.
- If we deem supervision and student behaviour is inadequate, the teacher-in-charge will be notified immediately and expected to rectify the situation.
- In the event inadequate supervision or student behaviour persists, the Fishcare activity will be concluded early.
- Fishcare reserves the right to exclude schools from their education programs that continue to provide inadequate supervision or fail to manage student behaviours.

Qualifications

- Fishcare staff and volunteers assisting with school activities hold Victorian Working with Children Checks.

Review

Fishcare will conduct an annual review of this Policy and discuss any required changes with the Executive Committee and ensure that any revisions to this Policy are approved by the committee.